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SUBJECT: SCP/Carlstadt Site, Administrative Order Index Nos.  
II-CERCLA-50114 and II-CERCLA-60102

Dear Mr. Basso:

I am writing to you in response to your February 10, 1989 letter addressing certain data reported in the Dames & Moore Draft Remedial Investigation Report. Your letter refers to a "serious problem which has arisen regarding Respondent's implementation of the Feasibility Study..." This "serious problem" to which you refer is apparently the existence of certain inconsistencies between the data reported in the Dames & Moore Draft Remedial Investigation Report and the raw data reported by the laboratory, ETC, which performed the analyses.

I believe that your letter overstates the severity of the problem relating to those data. There was one inconsistency in this data which resulted in an overstatement of the VOC content of one sample. Minor irregularities included the reporting of values below the method detection limit in the raw data whereas the summary tables say simply BMDL (below method detection limit). In no way can these inconsistencies be described as "a serious problem."

As soon as Dames & Moore was notified of these inconsistencies, it compared the data in its Draft Remedial Investigation Report with all of the raw data produced by ETC. The results of this investigation were reported to you by G.M. Coscia of Dames & Moore on February 17, 1989, including a set of revised tables from the RI showing the effect of the data. Examination of the tables confirms the RI findings are unchanged.

It is my understanding that the Agency agrees that the few minor inconsistencies between the remedial investigation data and the raw data will not affect any of the Draft Remedial Investigation Report conclusions. I believe that the thorough review of this matter by Dames & Moore and the subsequent report to you bring this matter to a close.

Very truly yours,

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